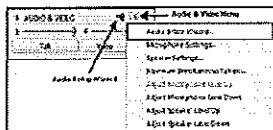


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## What's New with School Nutrition

November 13, 2012

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### Welcome

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- Questions & Answers

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### Introductions

- School Nutrition Team members
  - Kathy Clark, MS, RD
  - Randy Jones
  - Angela Farris, MA, RD
  - Lizzie Severson, RD
  - Molly Amberg, RD, CD
  - Cindy Loechler, MS, RD, CD, SNS

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### USDA Guidance Memo

- SP 03-2012 – Procurement Geographic Preference Q&As, Part II
  - Federal small purchase threshold is now \$150,000
  - No specific definition of "local" is required
  - Defines unreasonable limit on competition
  - Allowable products that fall under geographic preference
  - <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/policy.htm>

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### Small Purchase Threshold

- Small Purchasing Threshold
  - Old Limit: \$100,000 or less
  - New Limit: \$150,000 or less
  - Local government or school may have lower limits that you must follow!
- Link to memo:
  - [http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/files/fns/pdf/small\\_purchase\\_threshold\\_ltr\\_09112.pdf](http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/files/fns/pdf/small_purchase_threshold_ltr_09112.pdf)

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## Procurement Methods

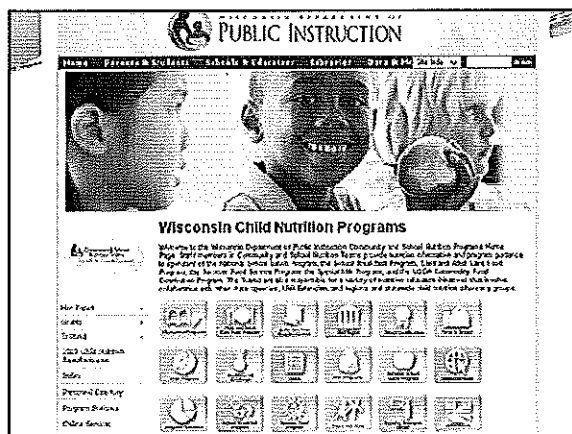
- Small purchase method (informal procurement) is used for purchases that cost less than \$150,000:
  - Three Bids and a Buy!
  - DPI has provided additional templates and resources on our website: [http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/fns\\_procurement](http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/fns_procurement) under "training"
- Formal procurement is used for purchases that cost \$150,000 or more:
  - Competitive Sealed Bidding - Invitation for Bid (IFB), or
  - Competitive Proposal formerly - Request for Proposal (RFP).

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## DPI Website

- Visual design has been freshened up
- Content of most pages did not change
- Enhanced navigation system includes features:
  - Pull down "mega menus" at the top
  - Expandable "accordion" menus at the left
- Make new Bookmarks for these pages:
  - FNS Home: <http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/>
  - FNS Online Services: [http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/fns\\_online](http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/fns_online)

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## Farm 2 School

Estimated Nationwide Farm to School (F2S) activity during the 2011-2012 school year

- Schools involved: 12,429
- Students participating: 5,746,401
- Local food purchased: \$12,972,964



What does a Farm to School program look like?

- Local food procurement
- F2S promotions and special events
- School gardens
- Nutrition & agriculture education

If your school operates any of these programs you are involved in Farm to School!

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## Farm 2 School – Survey

WI Farm to School Survey for Food Service Directors

- Objectives:
  - Gather baseline statewide data on F2S participation and interest
  - Assess barriers and opportunities to grow WI F2S efforts
  - Identify priorities for the WI F2S program development, locally and statewide
- Plan to distribute electronically to all WI schools participating in NSLP in January 2013
- Please watch for the survey and return to DPI as quickly as possible!

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## Farm 2 School - Grants



- USDA Planning and Implementation Grant
- HHFKA included amendments to increase Farm to School participation
- Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) anticipates awarding up to \$3.5 million in grant funding for the 2012 cycle
- June 15, 2012 - Grant application period closed
- November 2012 - Funding announcements will be made
- Watch for future funding opportunities on USDA's Farm to School website

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## Farm 2 School – Webinars



- **USDA Webinar: F2S + New Meal Pattern**
  - **When:** Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 12:00pm CST.
  - **What:** USDA is hosting a webinar to focus on inclusion of local and regional products in the new meal pattern. FNS Child Nutrition Program staff will be on hand to answer any questions you might have about the new meal pattern in general and local and regional products in specific.
  - **RSVP for dial in instructions to:** Laura Brown via [Laura.Brown@fns.usda.gov](mailto:Laura.Brown@fns.usda.gov)

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## Farm 2 School – Resources

- Farm to School Toolkit for Food Service Directors  
<http://www.cias.wisc.edu/toolkits/>
- WI School Nutrition Team Farm to School webpage  
[http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/fns\\_f2s](http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/fns_f2s)
- USDA Farm to School  
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/F2S/Default.htm>

### Questions/Comments/F2S Stories?

Contact: [elizabeth.severson@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:elizabeth.severson@dpi.wi.gov)  
or  
[katherine.pike@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:katherine.pike@dpi.wi.gov)



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## Available Grants

- **Team Nutrition**
  - School Garden Sub-grant - \$4,000 to 12 SFAs in Wisconsin to establish a garden
  - Must be a Team Nutrition School
  - Application postmarked by Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>
- **Champions for Healthy Kids**
  - Improve nutrition and physical fitness – 50 grants for \$10,000 awarded nationally to nonprofit organizations
  - Application due 5 p.m. CST on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

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## Menu Certification

- As of late last week:
  - 224 SFAs have submitted workbooks
  - 75 SFAs have been approved to receive the additional 6 cent reimbursement
- Once menu certification workbooks have been submitted electronically, paper claims for lunch must be submitted until the menu certification has been approved
  - Fax paper claims to 608-267-9207, Attn: Jacque Jordee

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## Due Date Reminders

- Before October claim can be submitted
  - FNS 10
  - Annual Financial Report
  - 2011-12 Elderly Nutrition claim
  - 2011-12 Wisconsin School Day Milk Program claim
  - [http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/fns\\_online](http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/fns_online)

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## Due Date Reminders

- October 31 – Civil Rights Compliance Form
- Other Civil Rights Reminders...
  - Civil Rights annual training for front-line staff
    - [http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/fns\\_market#cr](http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/fns_market#cr)
  - Public Release – to media & grassroots organizations
  - “And Justice for All” poster

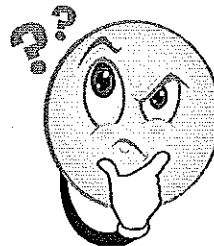
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## Due Date Reminders

- November 1-15
  - Complete Verification Process
  - [http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/fns\\_fincouit#verification](http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/fns_fincouit#verification)
- November 15
  - Submit Verification Summary Report
  - [http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/fns\\_online](http://fns.dpi.wi.gov/fns_online)

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## Questions



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## Thanks for Participating

- Next *What's New* with School Nutrition
- Tuesday, December 11, 2012

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